

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits, that in the present case, the requirement for restriction is not proper. According to MPEP § 803, "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." (emphasis added) In the present case, the claims in each of the groups identified by the Examiner, clearly comprise similar elements and would not place undue burden on the examiner.

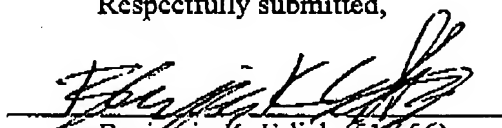
It is therefore respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that each of the claims presently pending in this application be examined.

If the Examiner is not persuaded and persists with the restriction requirement Applicant provisionally elects Group 7 (Claims 47-49). Applicant notes that Claims 16-32, and Claims 50-57, and Claim 61, as amended, depend from Claim 47 and should be examined with the elected Group 7 claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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